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SUBJECT: SCHEEL INTERVIEW ON EUROPEAN POLICY

BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN JAN 4 BONN
GENERAL ANZEIGER, FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL PLEDGED THAT
FRG WOULD PLAY ACTIVE ROLE AS EC PRESIDENT IN PUSHING
PROGRAMS OUTLINED AT PARIS AND COPENHAGEN SUMMITS, IN
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MOVING TOWARD EUROPEAN UNION AND IN DEVELOPING, VIA

INTERACTION BETWEEN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION, INCREASINGLY COORDINATED EUROPEAN FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICIES. SCHEEL WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT REGIONAL FUND DISPUTE WOULD BE SOLVED AND DEFENDED GERMAN POSITION BOTH ON REGIONAL POLICY AND ON CREDITS FOR EAST EUROPEANS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS "NECESSARY SUPPLEMENT OF OUR DETENTE POLICY." HE TERMED SECRETARY KISSINGER "A DYNAMIC POLITICIAN WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT THE...HISTORIC EUROPEAN UNIFICATION PROCESS WILL STRENGTHEN THE WEST AND THEREBY ALSO PROMOTE EUROPE'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S." END SUMMARY

1. GERMAN PRESIDENCY AND EC TIMETABLE. NOTING "MANDATE GIVEN EC PRESIDENCY BY COPENHAGEN SUMMIT," SCHEEL SAID FRG WOULD PLAY ACTIVE ROLE OF "MOTOR AND HONEST BROKER" IN PRESSING FOR INTENSIFICATION OF EC UNIFICATION. HE SAID GERMANS INTEND "TO PROVIDE IMPULSES, SEIZE INITIATIVES, MEDIATE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATING SITUATIONS AND OCCASIONALLY FORCE THE PACE SO THAT THE EUROPEAN TIMETABLE WILL BE MAINTAINED AND THE GREAT GOAL OF A EUROPEAN UNION IN 1980 WILL BE ATTAINED." TICKING OFF PRIORITY PROGRAMS OF PARIS AND COPENHAGEN SUMMITS, SCHEEL SAID HE HOPED INITIALLY TO REACH SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION ON REGIONAL FUND AND "NEXT, BY THE END OF FEBRUARY, WE SHOULD TAKE DECISION ON ORDERLY FUNCTIONING COMMON ENERGY MARKET." THEREAFTER, SAID SCHEEL, FURTHER CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE ACCORDED TO ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION AND "THE SOMEWHAT NEGLECTED INTERNAL MARKET, WHICH MUST BE FREED FROM EXISTING BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES." FINALLY, SCHEEL NOTED NEED TO MOVE AHEAD ON SOCIAL POLICY, AND TO STRENGTHENING OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, EC FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND THE INITIAL PREPARATION OF REPORT ON EUROPEAN UNION.

2. EC FOREIGN POLICY. SCHEEL ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO INTENSIFYING EC POLITICAL COOPERATION, WITH AIM OF "COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICIES." SAYING ENLARGED EC COULD NOT REMAIN "ECONOMIC GIANT AND POLITICAL DWARF," SCHEEL SAID "THE NECESSARY AND EVIDENT OUTWARD LOOKING POLICY OF EUROPE ENTAILS THE READINESS TO

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ASSUME WORLD POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY CORRESPONDING TO OUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POTENTIAL." THIS REQUIRES AUGMENTED COORDINATION BETWEEN EC POLITICAL COOPERATION AND ROME TREATY FUNCTIONS OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND "THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOME EUROPEAN (FOREIGN POLICY) INITIATIVES." DURING INTERREGNUM WHILE EC-9 AND NATIONAL FOREIGN POLICY COMPETENCES SOMEWHAT AWKWARDLY CO-EXIST, ROLE OF EC PRESIDENCY WILL BE OF GREAT

IMPORTANCE AND FRG INTENDS TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.
COMMENT: FRG OFFICIALS REGULARLY MAKE THE POINT TO US
THAT ENHANCED GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY ROLE CAN BE CARRIED
OUT MOST EFFECTIVELY VIA EXPANDED EC POLITICAL/ECONOMIC
WORLD ROLE AND THAT FRG GOAL SHOULD BE CHANNELING EC
POWER INCREASINGLY TO GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.
END COMMENT

3. RELATIONS WITH U.S. SCHEEL SAID EC FOREIGN POLICY
COORDINATION MUST ALSO LEAD "FINALLY TO COMMON BASIC
DECLARATION AND HARMONIZED DIALOGUE WITH U.S."; HE
THOUGHT PREPARATION FOR COMMON NATO DECLARATION HAD
ALREADY PROGRESSED VERY FAR. QUERIED ON

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SECRETARY'S WARNINGS AGAINST NEW EUROPEAN IDENTITY
DISTANCING ITSELF FROM U.S., SCHEEL SAID: QUOTE - IT
IS COMPLETELY NATURAL THAT NOT ALL COLLEAGUES LAVISH
EQUAL APPLAUSE WHEN A NEW ACTOR APPEARS ON THE WORLD
POLITICAL STAGE. BUT ALL ACTORS ON THIS STAGE HAVE AN
INTEREST IN THE EC GROWING ASAP TO ITS WORLD POLITICAL
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RESPONSIBILITY. HENRY KISSINGER IS A DYNAMIC POLITICIAN
WHO UNDERSTANDS THE DYNAMICS OF THE HISTORIC
EUROPEAN UNIFICATION PROCESS. THE USA CONSTANTLY URGED
THIS PROCESS. THEY KNOW...THAT IT STRENGTHENS THE WEST
AND THEREBY ALSO SERVES EUROPE'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH
USA. EUROPE CAN ONLY DEVELOP POLITICAL UNITY IF ITS
CLOSEST FRIEND IS PREPARED TO TREAT IT AS A UNITY...WE
MUST TAKE CARE THAT THIS READJUSTMENT, DESIRED BY BOTH
SIDES, DOES NOT LEAD TO PSYCHOLOGICAL BURDENS. ON THE
OTHER END OF POLITICAL SPECTRUM, THE SOVIET UNION ALSO
SHOULD NOT BE UNINTERESTED...OR UNDERESTIMATE THE
INCREASING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF
EUROPEAN UNIFICATION FOR DETENTE IN EUROPE AND FOR
EAST-WEST ECONOMIC COOPERATION. END QUOTE

4. REGIONAL POLICY. SCHEEL SOUGHT TO DOWNPLAY SERIOUS-
NESS OF REGIONAL FUND DISPUTE WITH UK, TERMING IT
"REGRETABLE BUT NOT CATASTROPHIC," AND CALLING FOR
REALISM AND READINESS TO COMPROMISE BY ALL PARTIES. HE
THOUGHT REGIONAL POLICY SHOULD EMPHASIZE CREATION OF
EMPLOYMENT FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED AREAS, SAYING
"REGIONAL FUND SHOULD USE AIDE TO PROMOTE SELF-HELP."
SCHEEL OPPOSED "WATERING CAN POLICY COVERING MORE THAN
HALF OF EC TERRITORY", ARGUED FOR FAIR DISTRIBUTION
OF BURDENS. AND ALSO LINKED FRG SHARE TO EMU PROGRESS

5. FRG CREDITS FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN. SCHEEL REJECTED
OPPOSITION CRITIQUES WHICH JUXTAPOSE STINGY APPROACH TO
EC WITH GENEROUS CREDITS FOR EE'S. HE SAID FRG IS
LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO REGIONAL FUND WHICH ENTAILS
FINANCIAL TRANSFERS, AS OPPOSED TO CREDITS WHICH ARE
BOTH MUCH SMALLER AND DESIGNED TO SERVE INTERESTS OF
FRG AS WELL AS EE CREDIT RECIPIENTS. SCHEEL NOTED VARIED

ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH POLAND ("SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP OF NEIGHBORING STATES"), YUGOSLAVIA ("OECD LISTED DEVELOPING COUNTRY") AND OTHER EE'S. HE SAID BONN'S EASTERN TRADE ALSO CORRESPONDED TO GERMAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND ONLY REPRESENTED FIVE PERCENT OF TOTAL FRG TRADE, ASSERTING THAT "NEW INITIATIVES WERE REQUIRED." SCHEEL SAW FRG "AT BEGINNING OF LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH EAST, WHICH HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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GREAT POSSIBILITIES." THESE RELATIONS, CONCLUDED SCHEEL, SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ON BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE BUT DID INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE COSTS AND REQUIRED CREDITS. WITH AN EYE ON SOVIET "MINERAL RESOURCES, RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY SOURCES," SCHEEL CONCLUDED THAT "THE CLEVER MAN PLANS AHEAD." HILLENBRAND

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